

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

As a preliminary matter, the Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-14 and 15 of the present application.

Summary of the Response

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 2-6, 8-9, 12 and 14-18 have been amended. Claim 1 has been canceled. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 2-18 are pending in this application and subject to examination.

In the Office Action mailed September 7, 2005, claims 16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ehara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,765,456, hereinafter "Ehara"). Claims 1-3, 14 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taniguchi (Japanese Patent No. 2002-141771 or its equivalent, U.S. Patent No. 6,919,777) taken in conjunction with Ikata et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,501,344, hereinafter "Ikata") (*i.e.*, either in view of the other). It is noted that claims 2-6, 8-9, 12 and 14-18 have been amended, and claim 1 has been canceled. To the extent these rejections remain applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicants hereby traverse the rejections, as follows.

Formal Matters

Claims 5 and 9 were objected to for informalities. These claims have been amended responsive to this objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 16 and 18 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

It is respectfully submitted that nothing in the prior art, taken alone or in combination, discloses or suggests at least the features of an electronic apparatus, comprising a "chip having pads located further out than the resonators in the SAW propagating direction," as recited in claims 16 and 18, as amended.

In contrast, Ehara fails to disclose or suggest the apparatus as claimed in amended claims 16 and 18. As an example, FIG. 13 of Ehara shows that the pads of the chip are arranged in a direction perpendicular to the SAW propagating direction (the longitudinal direction of each solid block indicative of one resonator), and no pads are provided in the SAW propagating direction. Ehara completely fails to disclose or suggest pads provided in the SAW propagating direction.

For at least these reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 16 and 18 are allowable over the cited prior art, and request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 4-6, 8, 12, 15 and 17 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

The Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable, as they have been amended to incorporate subject matter that the Examiner has indicated is allowable.

Claims 2, 3, 7, 9-11, 13 and 14 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

The Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 2, 3, 7, 9-11, 13 and 14 depends from one of allowable claims 4, 6 and 12, and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

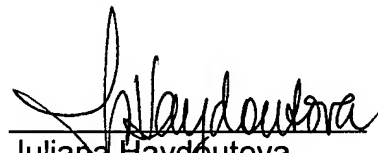
Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending patentably distinguish the present invention from the cited references. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 025720-00032.

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